

June 11, 2010

The Honorable Leopoldo Palacios
Mayor
City of Pharr
118 S. Cage Blvd.
Pharr, Texas 78577-4855

Dear Mayor Palacios:

I am pleased to inform you that the city of Pharr has earned a Gold Leadership Circle Award. Your application scored 14 points of 15 possible on our ratings criteria to earn this award.

Your listing on our "Texas Transparency" Web site now displays the Gold seal to indicate that you have received this award. Enclosed is your copy of a Leadership Circle Award Certificate. You will also receive a digital seal that you may post on your Web site.

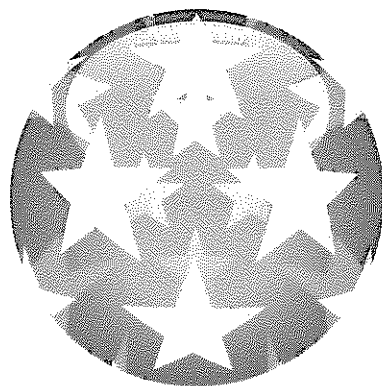
Congratulations on your success in moving forward on financial transparency and joining our Leadership Circle.

Sincerely,


Susan Combs

Enclosure





Texas Comptroller Gold Leadership Circle

This gold award recognizes **City of Pharr** for setting the bar for financial transparency and opening your books to the public. The Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle program recognizes local governments across Texas that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online. By providing citizens with a clear, consistent picture of spending and sharing information in a user-friendly format, you are setting a strong example for other governmental entities to follow.

June 1, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan Combs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath it.

Susan Combs
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts